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1. The National Inspection Committee is the successor organization to the North Korean Ministry of National Inspection, which was abolished. Unlike the Ministry of National Inspection, however, the National Inspection Committee is not a part of the cabinet of the North Korean government, but is directly responsible to the Supreme People's Assembly. The function of the National Inspection Committee is to inspect government and patriotic organizations and recommend corrective measures to be taken or rewards to be given persons or organizations for outstanding work.
2. Some of the fields in which the National Inspection Committee operates and the work it performs are the following:

- a. Administrative and judicial organizations in the various branches of the North Korean government are checked, and four times a year the committee meets to prepare reports of its findings for the executive committee of the Supreme People's Assembly. The executive committee in turn determines what disciplinary measures shall be taken or rewards made, sometimes transferring the more serious cases to the Supreme Prosecutor's Office for further action.
- b. Representative factories, mines, and farms are selected either for excellence of their work or failures in performance, and the executive committee of the Assembly again reviews the findings of the National Inspection Committee to determine what action should be taken. Labor heroes are chosen in the course of these inspections, and stories of their achievements are fabricated to inspire other workers.
- c. The North Korean armed forces are also subject to inspection by the

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National Inspection Committee, which reviews the political aspects of military activity. In addition to the routine work of inspection, the committee selects heroes and makes recommendations for distribution of medals.

- d. On occasion the National Inspection Committee may be called upon to review the activities of political parties and patriotic organizations such as the Korean Labor Party, the Choson Democratic Party, and the Democratic Youth Alliance.

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there were 80 persons on the staff of the National Inspection Committee. They usually wore khaki jackets with closed collars from cloth of good quality made in Hungary, and peaked caps. [redacted] the offices of the National Inspection Committee were in a cave near the banks of the Taedong-gang in P'yongyang at YD-390239.

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